

Monday, January 12, 2015
Minutes of the Hardin County Conservation Board Meeting

The Monday, January 12, 2015 meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board was called to order by Chairman Dennis Heetland at 6:04 p.m. at Headquarters.

Board Members Attending: Sandy Trampe, Allen Kadolph, Verl Duncan, Dennis Heetland and Jessica Lara.

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, Roadside Habitat/IRVM Cory Engle, Natural Resource Tech Blake Harris, Office Assistant Becky Frerichs, and Office Assistant Jada Staples.

Guests: Mary Hyland

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Sandy T. made the motion to approve of the minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting and was seconded by Verl D. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Claims: Allen K. made the motion to approve the claims for January 12, 2015, and Verl D. seconded. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Special Reports: All reports were given and read. Sandy T. made the motion to approve all special reports and was seconded by Allen K. All members voted aye, motion carried.

General Business

Chairperson Position: Discussion was held on who would want serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson. A motion from Allen K. and a second from Sandy T. to nominate Verl D. as new Chairperson and Dennis H. as new Vice-chairperson. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Grant Proposal: Mary Hyland of Rivers & Streams LLC presented grant opportunities for Calkins Nature Center expansion. Discussion was held on the different grant opportunities. Consensus among the board members was to hire Mary Hyland to pursue a grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa. Verl D. made the motion and it was seconded by Allen K. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Cabins Update: Discussion was held on progress of the cabins. A special public hearing meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 3:00 p.m. at the headquarters. This was information only, no action needed.

Artifact Poster Proposal: Discussion was held on possible items (posters, post cards, calendars) to sell at the Calkins Nature Center, Ulch Collection. This was tabled until March board meeting.

Goat Fence Purchase: Natural Resource Tech, Blake Harris presented a power point presentation on a year-end review of the goat flash grazing project. Blake H. proposed to the board the purchase of additional fencing, fence tester and battery back-up. A motion was made for the purchase by Sandy T. and it was seconded by Verl D. All members voted aye, motion carried.

Food Plot Presentation: Cory Engle gave a power point presentation on sunflower food plots. A consensus was given by board members to go ahead with two small plots at the Sac-Fox and Anders.

Other Items: None.

Adjournment: Allen K. made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dennis H. All members voted aye, meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
Special Meeting
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The Wednesday, January 21, 2015 special meeting of the Hardin County Conservation Board at headquarters was called to order by Chairperson Verl Duncan at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Attending: Verl Duncan, Allen Kadolph and Dennis Heetland

Staff Members: Director Wes Wiese, and Office Assistant Becky Frerichs

Guests: None

Public Hearing: Opened at 3:05 p.m. for the Tower Rock cabin project. There were no public comments. The public hearing ended at 3:10 p.m.

General Business: None

Other Items: Discussions on established vacation policy were held with Allen Kadolph making a motion to approve bonus vacation payout without setting precedent. Dennis Heetland seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Dennis Heetland made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Allen Kadolph. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.